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MONTHLY REPORT

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

May
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Yellowstone Park, Wyo.

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Weather Conditions. As was the case last year, there was considerable precipitation during the month of May in the form of both rain and snow which was of great help in relieving the fire pressure. Snow storms on several occasions blocked the highways and conditions were not particularly favorable for travel. A heavy snow storm occurred on May 4, another on May 11, which continued until the 18th and which closed the Dunraven Pass and Continental Divide roads, as well as the east and south entrances on the 16th and 17th, and necessitated the use of plows, and another on the 29th which continued for three days and closed the Dunraven Pass road. There were only 8 clear days during the month, 11 partly cloudy and 12 cloudy. The total precipitation for the month was 4.25 inches, as against 1.09 for April. The maximum temperature was 75° on May 22 while the minimum temperature was 20° on the 18th.

Special activities. Superintendent Rogers spent the entire month in the park and made only one trip outside thereof on May 4 with Chief Ranger LaNoue to Helena to attend a Civilian Defense meeting.

The south entrance was opened to travel on May 1, the same date as last year, which made all of the approach roads open excepting the northeast entrance from Red Lodge to Cooke. As no Federal funds were available for removing the snow from this road it was necessary to permit it to open under natural conditions. However, upon presentation of the matter to the Governor of Montana it was agreed that the Montana State Highway Department would arrange to open the road with its plows but by the end of the month no machinery was on the highway for snow removal. The opening date for this highway still remained undetermined at the end of May. The opening date for the Dunraven Pass and Continental Divide roads was set for May 10 but immediately after opening, both sections were closed by the storm which started on the night of May 11 and it was not until the 18th that the Continental Divide section and the 21st until the Dunraven Pass section were in satisfactory condition again for travel.

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Early visitors to the Yellowstone were accommodated at the general stores at Old Faithful and Lake, but on the 27th the tourist cabins and cafeterias at Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge opened to take care of visitors. Definite arrangements were made as to what operations would be underway during the summer and it was decided that the hotels and cottages at Mammoth and the hotels at Old Faithful and Canyon would be open. The tourist cabins and cafeterias at Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge are to operate but these facilities at West Thumb, Canyon, Mammoth and Camp Roosevelt will not be operated. No lodges are to open for the 1942 season. The swimming pools at Mammoth and Old Faithful will both be open and meals will be obtainable at the general store at Canyon. All of the general stores and gasoline filling stations are to operate to start the season. There will be no facilities operated in the Mammoth campground.

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Teton National Park; William J. Watson, Park Ranger, Wind Cave National Park; Elwood K. Wolfe, Jr., Park Ranger, Jewel Cave National Monument; A. D. Cannavina, Assistant Chief Ranger, Floyd A. Henderson, District Park Ranger, D. H. Robinson, District Park Ranger, and Channing Howell, District Park Ranger, Glacier National Park; Howell F. Joyner, Custodian, Devils Tower National Monument; Charles M. Graves, Associate Recreational Specialist, Region Two, Omaha; A. S. Erickson, Range Examiner, Soil Conservation Service, Lewistown, Montana; Lyle P. McKnight, District Ranger, U. S. Forest Service, West Yellowstone; Vernon M. Brewer, District Ranger, U. S. Forest Service, Jackson, Wyoming; Carl G. Krueger, Supervisor, Shoshone Forest, Cody, Wyoming; Otho Mack, Fire Chief, Gardiner, Montana; C. I. Shaw, Assistant Training Supervisor, Bureau of Reclamation; Jack McDonald, Administrative Guard, U. S. Forest Service, Gardiner, Montana; Ralph H. Space, Fire Inspector, U. S. Forest Service, Region One; John Burke, Game Warden, Gardiner, Montana; Arthur Olsen, District Ranger, U. S. Forest Service, Gardiner, Montana; Dick Kyser, Deputy Sheriff, Gardiner, Montana; J. K. Swinnelle, Assistant Supervisor, Absoraka Forest, Livingston, Montana; Loren N. Wellman and Ned D. Millard, District Rangers, U. S. Forest Service, Ashton, Idaho; Paul J. Shank, Assistant Supervisor, U. S. Forest Service, St. Anthony, Idaho; A. N. Abbott, Supervisor, U. S. Forest Service, Bozeman, Montana; Thomas Carter, Regional Forester and Tom C. White, Production Coordinator, Indian Service, Billings; L. G. Gray, Western Fire Weather Coordinator, Weather Bureau, San Francisco; Thomas W. Booth, Assistant Meteorologist, Weather Bureau, Missoula, Montana. On Monday evening, May 18, the group was taken on a trip to the Buffalo Ranch in the Lamar Valley to see the wildlife, while on the Sunday following the close of the school a trip was made around the loop road to acquaint those in attendance with the Yellowstone features and operations. A picnic was held on Friday evening, May 22, at the fire camp near the reservoir, while a banquet and dance was held at Mammoth on Saturday night. It was the opinion of those in attendance that the school was very well conducted and much benefit resulted to those who participated.

On Saturday, May 16, the Mammoth Post Office increased its hours from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday service started the following day.

The Mammoth school closed for the summer on May 22. Three pupils, Jack Emmert, Jr., DeVere Wright and Theodore Hochstrasser, were graduated, the graduation exercises being held on the 21st. A new School Board for the ensuing year was appointed, consisting of Albert E. Long, Chairman, Richard J. Smith and Albert E. Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer.

The collection of the $3.00 motor vehicle license fee for the park was started on May 27 while the fishing season opened on May 30.

Yellowstone Park's original "old timer", James McBride, died at the Chico Hot Springs Hospital at Emigrant, Montana on Sunday, May 3, after an illness of several months, at the age of 78. McBride enlisted in the United States Army in 1885 and served 5 years and was appointed as a Scout in the Yellowstone in 1905. He was the park's first Scout, its first Chief Ranger and its first Fish and Game Warden, having served as Chief Ranger from July 1, 1921 to January 16, 1922. He was retired

Yellowstone National Park: William L. Nelson, Park Ranger, Mike Dorn National Park; Elmer E. Rolfe, Jr., Park Ranger, Grand Teton National Monument; A. E. Demaris, Assistant Chief Ranger, Floyd A. Vandervoort, District Park Ranger, E. W. Robinson, District Park Ranger, and Thomas Farrell, District Park Ranger, Minister National Park; Donald F. Joyce, Superintendent, Montana Tower National Monument; Charles E. Ferris, Assistant Superintendent, specialist, Region Two, Omaha; A. E. Erickson, Judge P. McNight, Fourth Inspection Service, Lewistown, Montana; Julia P. McNight, Fourth Ranger, U. S. Forest Service, West Yellowstone; Vernon K. Brewer, District Ranger, U. S. Forest Service, Gardiner; Joseph Gail O. Hunger, Superviser, Shoshone Forest, Cody; Wyoming; John Mack, Fire Chief, Gardiner, Montana; C. I. Shaw, Assistant Training Supervisor, Bureau of Reclamation, Jack Hofmann, Administrative Guard, U. S. Forest Service, Gardiner, Montana; Ralph H. Spence, Fire Inspector, U. S. Forest Service, Helena; Guy John Burke, Guss Burden, Gardiner, Montana; Arthur Olsen, District Ranger, U. S. Forest Service, Gardiner, Montana; Nick Spence, Deputy Sheriff, Gardiner, Montana; J. E. Dahmelle, Assistant Superviser, Ashnola Forest, Ilwaqkum, Montana; Lorne E. Sullivan and Ted D. Hilliard, District Ranger, U. S. Forest Service, Ashton, Idaho; Paul A. Dowell, Assistant Superviser, U. S. Forest Service, Mt. Pashony, Idaho; A. H. Abbott, Superviser, U. S. Forest Service, Swanson, Montana; Thomas Carter, Regional Forester and Tom C. Kelly, Promotion Coordinator, Indian Service, Billings; L. S. Gray, Western Fire Weather Meteorologist, Weather Bureau, San Francisco; Simons E. Heath, Assistant Meteorologist, Weather Bureau, Missoula, Montana. On Monday evening, May 16, the group was taken on a trip to the Virginia Dunes in the Lower Valley to see the wildlife, while on this Monday following the close of the school a trip was made around the Park proper to acquaint those in attendance with the Yellowstone features and operations. A picnic was held on Friday evening, May 22, at the Fire camp near the reservoir, while a banquet and dance was held at Lamont on Saturday night. It was the opinion of those in attendance that the school was very well conducted and much benefit resulted to those who participated.

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on December 31, 1928. He was buried in the cemetery in Gardiner at 11:00 a.m. May 8 in his Park Service uniform. The pallbearers, all in Park Service uniform, consisted of Messrs. Joseph Joffe, Curtis H. Skinner, John Jay, R. H. Robinson, Jr., Everett L. Arnold and John Bauman. More than 20 years ago McBride was portrayed as the leading character, Mart Woodson, in a story which appeared in the "Saturday Evening Post" entitled "Old Timer".

Inspections. Frank Oberhansley, Park Naturalist, Sequoia National Park, in May 10 on leave; Clyde S. Glandon, Special Agent, F.S.I., Denver, in May 13 for conference with Superintendent; George Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Rocky Mountain National Park in May 13 en-route from Glacier to Rocky Mountain; Fred Hussey, Chief Clerk, Rocky Mountain National Park, in May 17 on leave; H. F. Hollister, Field Supervisor, C.C.C., Region Two, Omaha, in May 19.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. General office routine included completion of the map filing system started the previous month, plans for West Thumb cabin area, minor revisions and additions to the F. C. F. forms, and work on snow removal profiles and snow removal costs. Field work was all in connection with CCC projects.

General Publicity. All publicity has been curtailed "for the duration" and only one press release was sent out from the park during the month on the death of James McBride. No Publicity Director will be employed for the summer.

Road Maintenance. With the exception of the Mt. Washburn road, snow removal work was completed on May 21. However, several sudden storms required a second plowing of the east entrance, south approach road, Dunraven Pass and the Old Faithful to West Thumb section. General patrol crews were first used to follow up the snow removal crew and later replaced with permanent section maintenance forces. All crews were organized by the 25th of the month, with the exception of the Dunraven Pass crew, which will be installed soon after the first of June. Laborers of any experience in this class of work have been difficult to obtain, and most crews are only up to approximately three-quarters strength.

New Construction. Work continued on project 401, Mammoth Comfort Station, with a small crew and consisted for the most part of landscape work and cleanup of the debris resulting from construction. The Comfort Station was opened to the public on May 25.

Special Improvement Activities. During May five C.C.C. projects were carried on, including intermittent work on the minor road at Mammoth as weather permitted, nursery maintenance, operation of rock crusher in preparation of road materials, some soil preparation around the new Mammoth residence area, and the training of enrollees in fire suppression.

On May 25 supervision of C.C.C. activities was transferred from C. A. Lord of the Engineering Section to Curtis H. Skinner of the Protection Division and the new work program based on new C.C.C. objectives

will be submitted in early June. The C.C.C. camp at Lake, NP-16, is expected to be occupied on June 1 by a company being transferred from Downey, Idaho.

Park Operators. The general stores at Old Faithful and Lake furnished accommodations for early visitors until May 27, on which date the tourist cabins and cafeterias at Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge were opened. Mr. C. A. Hamilton arrived in the park on May 12 but left on the 16th for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota to undergo an operation and a physical check-up. The new "Haynes Guide" for 1942 was received on May 15. H. H. Nichols arrived in the park on May 20 for a conference with the Superintendent and left on the 21st. He expected to return on June 1 to open the company's offices at Mammoth. The Haynes shop at Mammoth and the Tower Falls store opened on May 23, the Canyon store was opened on May 26, as was the Haynes Old Faithful shop, while the Haynes shop at Canyon opened on the 29th.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Nine thousand three hundred and thirty-three persons entered the park during May of this year as compared to twenty-two thousand four hundred and forty-two during May of 1941. The total persons entering the park for this travel year to date is 25,229 as compared with 47,614 for 1941, a decrease of 22,385, or -47%.

Three thousand and seventy motor vehicles entered the park in May of this year as compared to seven thousand seven hundred and sixty-one during the same month in 1941. The total motor vehicles entering the park for this travel year to date is 8,888 as compared with 16,611 for 1941, a decrease of 7,723, or -47%.

May 1942
Travel by Entrances for Month

	First Entry		Re-Entry		Total	
Entrance	Cars	Pass.	Cars	Pass.	Cars	Pass.
North	636	2015	65	158	701	2173
West	1019	3160	24	57	1043	3217
East	800	2442	11	46	811	2488
South	410	1164	9	24	419	1188
Northeast	19	43	76	198	95	241
Totals	2884	8824	185	483	3069	9307

Motorcycles: 1 motorcycle - 2 passengers
Other transportation: 24 - Sechler (Not included in total)

Cooperating Governmental Agencies. Peter Kiewit Sons Company has organized a small crew for the Old Faithful-Lea Lake section and are working in the vicinity of Old Faithful, principally on log curb to be placed at the esplanade.

Visitors. Edward Buergo, Vice-President, Argentine National Parks, and party in West May 6.

Ranger Service. Four seasonal park rangers were on duty at the close of the month in addition to the permanent ranger personnel. Ten District Park Rangers, the Chief Ranger and four Assistant Chief Rangers attended the Fire Training and Defense School held at Mammoth from May 18 to 23, inclusive. A majority of the permanent ranger personnel was moved to their summer assignment stations by the close of the month. The sale of motor vehicle permits was started May 27 at the five checking stations and the gates were open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily thereafter.

Police Protection. No law enforcement cases were held before the U. S. Commissioner during May.

Wildlife Administration and Ranches. Bears. Black bears caused some damages at Lake and Tower Falls during the month and it was necessary to kill two troublesome old males at Lake.

Statistics - Season to Date

	Lake		Tower Falls		
	April	May	April	May	Total
Bear Damages.....	2	5	0	2	9
Bears Killed.....		2			2

Buffalo. Most of the buffalo calves were born during May and an effort will be made in early June to obtain an accurate calf count.

It is expected that the Antelope Creek buffalo pasture will be repaired in early June and that the summer show herd of 31 adults and seven or eight calves will be trucked to that location.

Elk. The 1942 elk reduction report, summarizing the past winter's operations, has been prepared and will be submitted at an early date.

Numerous newly-born elk calves have been observed throughout the winter range.

Fish Culture. A total of 52,473-3 and 4-inch rainbow trout were secured from the Ennis (Mont.) Federal Hatchery in late April and May and planted in the Madison and Firehole River drainages.

One load of 41,000 Loch Leven trout, size 1-1/4, were delivered from the Emigrant State Hatchery and planted in the Gardiner River.

Spawn collection operations at Yellowstone Lake, conducted by the Fish and Wildlife Service, have been only moderately successful due to cold weather and the fact that Yellowstone Lake remained frozen over. Operations at Trout Lake were more successful and nearly one million Rainbow eggs had been collected by the close of the month.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has not yet established a crew at Grebe Lake for the collection of Grayling spawn because this area is still heavily blocked with snow.

Forestry. The Yellowstone Forest Nursery was operated throughout the month but all operations were discontinued at the close of May 29. 27,000 lodge pole pine transplants were lifted and shipped to Glacier National Park. A small number of of other miscellaneous transplants were removed from the nursery and planted in the Mammoth area. Approximately 2,000 small spruce trees were moved from the nursery to be planted in the Lake and Fishing Bridge area. All land under cultivation in the nursery area, except that which is occupied by transplant beds was plowed, harrowed and disced and seeded with crested wheatgrass. Several ditches were constructed through the nursery area in order that that part of the area may be irrigated if funds and personnel are available.

Forest Fire Protection. An employee was placed on duty on May 6 at the fire cache to check the fire equipment. The entire camp of C.C.C. enrollees at Mammoth have had three days' fire training. A 25-man stampede crew has been selected and sent to Old Faithful. The necessary fire equipment for the Bechler River area was sent out from Mammoth. All fire pumps at Mammoth have been checked by the mechanical section and a fish tank truck has been converted to fire protection use by installing a Pacific Y pumper on the unit. This will be stationed at Canyon. The C.C.C. program for the season has been outlined in conference with the Chief Ranger and Assistant Chief Ranger in charge of C.C.C. activities and a survey is being made of the Purple Mountain Trail for a C.C.C. project. Difficulty has been encountered in obtaining the necessary fire guards. The rates for this position appear to be too low in comparison with those paid by the Forest Service.

Accidents. Three automobile accidents occurred during the month. Two resulted in moderate damage to the vehicles and one other accident caused serious injury to the driver and nearly complete damage to the vehicle.

Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of the Federal Employees Union was held in the Canteen on May 4.

The sugar rationing program went into effect in the Yellowstone and throughout the country on May 5.

Superintendent.

cc- Region Two Headquarters
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Trainees using the progressive step up method of fire trench construction

Photo by Condon May 22, 1942

Instructor Jack Barrows lecturing to trainees on forest fire protection

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